

REMARKS

In light of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicants have canceled pending claims 1-82 and have added new claims 83-88. Applicants therefore request that the rejections of claims 1-82 be withdrawn as moot. Further, Applicants submit that the newly-presented claims recite features of the invention that are not included in the portions of the references previously relied upon by the Examiner. Applicants therefore submit that it would be improper to reject newly-presented claims 83-88 over the prior art of record previously relied upon by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

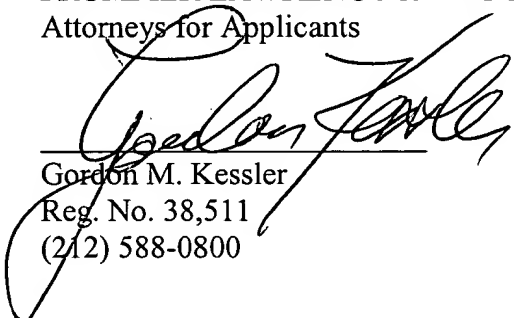
Applicants have made a diligent effort to place claims 83-88 in condition for allowance, and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner is unable to issue a Notice of Allowance regarding these claims, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney in order to discuss any further outstanding issues.

Early and favorable consideration are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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